

Boston October 14. 1776

Honble Sir,

Some time after my last to you, I received an obliging visit from Mr Bant. who informed me more particularly of your desire that the sermon at your Dear Aunt's Funeral might be published — of your Request that I would write to you — And of your kind presents to my Daughter. — I should have immediately troubled you again, had we not been told on all hands that you was soon expected in Boston. — But as we can hardly expect that pleasure at present, I cannot any longer omit my Thanks to you for your generosity and goodness. — I shall always esteem it a favor that my Daughter had so long an opportunity of being with Mrs Hancock, whose amiable example would charm almost any one to love Virtue and to practise it —

Mr Adams will be able to inform you of all you desire to know from these parts, — I wish the times wore a better aspect. we must hope and pray for better. — In God's time America will be made a quiet habitation — a land of Liberty — a land of knowledge — I hope a land of Religion and virtue. Every thing leads us to conclude that Providence hath some great design to accomplish in this part of the world. There is a fine scope for imagination but these prospects are more than imaginary. They are founded in reason.

Honble Mr Hancock.

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However a Christian must not please himself too much with any earthly good
whether present or future - We are hastening to another state, where we shall see
that all is right - that all is wise - that all is good -

We have long expected your good Lady - Her Friends begin to think they
shall be disappointed. Whether she come this way or remain at a distance, I
sincerely wish to you and to her every comfort which the human mind is
capable of enjoying - In these wishes Mr Eliot sincerely joins with

Sir

Your obliged humble Servant

Andrew Eliot -